

a second plate having a top surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral wall extending therebetween;

a plurality of posts for positioning said first and second plates in a spaced relationship, each of said posts having a first end and a second end, each of said first ends of said plurality of posts being securely coupled to said top surface of said second plate, each of said second ends being securely coupled to said bottom side of said first plate;

a plurality of elongate flexible members, each of said elongate flexible members having a first and second end, each of said first ends of said elongate flexible members being securely coupled to said bottom side of said first plate; and

a plurality of toys, each of said toys being securing coupled to one of the second ends of said elongate flexible members.

Please cancel claim 2.

2. The interactive pet device as in claim 1, further comprising:

a covering member; and

a securing means for removably securing said first covering member to said top side of said first plate.

4. The interactive pet device as in claim 1, wherein each of said posts is orientated generally perpendicular to said top surface and said bottom side, each of said posts being telescoping posts such that each post comprises a first portion extendable into a

second portion, each of said first portions having a locking means thereon for selectively locking said posts in an extended position.

5. The interactive pet device as in claim 4, further comprising a plurality of panels, each of said panels being removably securable to one of said posts, each of said panels comprising a generally flexible material.

~~7~~ 6. The interactive pet device as in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of panels, each of said panels being removably securable to one of said posts, each of said panels comprising a generally flexible material.

  Please cancel claim 7.

~~3~~ 8. The interactive pet device as in claim ~~3~~², further comprising:

a second covering member; and

a coupling means for coupling said second covering member to said top surface of said second plate.

~~8~~ 9. The interactive pet device as in claim 1, wherein each of said first ends of said elongate flexible members is securely coupled to a spool rotatably mounted in said bottom side of said first plate, each of a plurality of biasing means bias a rotation of one of said spools in a first direction, said biasing means comprising a spring, each of said elongate flexible members comprising a string.

 Please cancel claim 10.

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11. The interactive pet device as in claim 5, wherein each of said first ends of said elongate flexible members is securely coupled to a spool rotatably mounted in said bottom side of said first plate, each of a plurality of biasing means bias a rotation of one of said spools in a first direction, said biasing means comprising a spring, each of said elongate flexible members comprising a string.

Please cancel claim 12.

Please add the following claims:

912. An interactive pet device, said device comprising:
a first plate having a top side, a bottom side and a peripheral wall extending therebetween;
a second plate having a top surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral wall extending therebetween;
a plurality of posts for positioning said first and second plates in a spaced relationship, each of said posts having a first end and a second end, each of said first ends of said plurality of posts being securely coupled to said top surface of said second plate, each of said second ends being securely coupled to said bottom side of said first plate;
a plurality of panels, each of said panels being removably securable to one of said posts, each of said panels comprising a generally flexible material;
a plurality of elongate flexible members, each of said elongate flexible members having a first and second end, each of said first ends of said elongate flexible members being securely coupled to said bottom side of said first plate;
and

a plurality of toys, each of said toys being securing coupled to one of the second ends of said elongate flexible members.

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~~14~~. The interactive pet device as in claim ⁹~~13~~, wherein said peripheral wall of said first plate has an annular channel therein, further including a plurality of balls, each of said balls being rotatably inserted in said annular channel such that said balls may roll about said first plate in said channel.

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~~15~~. The interactive pet device as in claim ⁹~~13~~, further comprising a covering member, a securing means removably secures said first covering member to said top side of said first plate.

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~~16~~. The interactive pet device as in claim ⁹~~13~~, wherein each of said posts is orientated generally perpendicular to said top surface and said bottom side, each of said posts being telescoping posts such that each post comprises a first portion extendable into a second portion, each of said first portions having a locking means thereon for selectively locking said posts in an extended position.

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~~17~~. The interactive pet device as in claim ¹²~~15~~, further comprising a second covering member and a coupling means for coupling said covering member to said top surface of said second plate.

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~~18~~. The interactive pet device as in claim ⁹~~13~~, wherein each of said first ends of said elongate flexible members is securely coupled to a spool rotatably mounted in said bottom side of said first plate, each of a plurality of biasing means bias a rotation of one of said spools in a first direction, said biasing means

comprising a spring, each of said elongate flexible members comprising a string.

~~11~~ 19. The interactive pet device as in claim ~~14~~ ¹⁰, wherein each of said first ends of said elongate flexible members is securely coupled to a spool rotatably mounted in said bottom side of said first plate, each of a plurality of biasing means bias a rotation of one of said spools in a first direction, said biasing means comprising a spring, each of said elongate flexible members comprising a string.

~~16~~ 20. An interactive pet device, said device comprising:
a first plate, said first plate having a top side, a bottom side and a peripheral wall extending therebetween;
a second plate, said second plate having a top surface, a bottom surface and a peripheral wall extending therebetween;
a plurality of posts for positioning said first and second plates in a spaced relationship, each of said posts having a first end and a second end, each of said first ends of said plurality of posts being securely coupled to said top surface of said second plate, each of said second ends being securely coupled to said bottom side of said first plate, each of said posts being orientated generally perpendicular to said top surface and said bottom side, each of said posts being telescoping posts such that each post comprises a first portion extendable into a second portion, each of said first portions having a locking means thereon for selectively locking said posts in an extended position;

a plurality of elongate flexible members, each of said elongate flexible members having a first and second end, each of said first ends of said elongate flexible members being securely coupled to said bottom side of said first plate; and
a plurality of toys, each of said toys being securing coupled to one of the second ends of said elongate flexible members.

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~~21~~. The interactive pet device as in claim ¹⁸~~20~~, further including:

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said peripheral wall having an annular channel therein, said top and bottom sides having a generally circular shape;
a plurality of balls, each of said balls being rotatably inserted in said annular channel such that said balls may roll about said first plate in said channel, each of said balls comprising a substantially rigid material;
a first covering member comprising a cushion;
a securing means for removably securing said first covering member to said top side of said first plate, said securing means comprising a hook and loop securing means;
a diameter length of said top surface being substantially identical to a diameter length of said bottom side of said first plate;
said plurality of posts being four posts;
a plurality of panels, each of said panels being removably securable to one of said posts, each of said panels having a hook and loop fastening means thereon for removably securing said panels to said posts, each of said panels comprising a generally flexible material

having an inner and an outer surface, said outer surface comprising a plurality of looped fibers;
a second covering member comprising a cushion;
a coupling means for coupling said second covering member to said top surface of said second plate, said coupling means comprising a hook and loop fastening means; and
a carrying means for carrying said device, said carrying means comprising a top portion and a base portion, said top portion having a lumen therein adapted for receiving said device, said top portion having a free edge, a zipper removably coupling a free edge of said top portion to a perimeter edge of said base portion.
